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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66613

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Appln. No.: 09/985,851

Group Art Unit: 3627

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Examiner: LANEAU, RONALD

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For: SALES SUPPORTING SYSTEM ASSOCIATED WITH NAVIGATION SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated September 20, 2006. The Reasons for Allowance inaccurately describe the features of claim 12. For instance, the Examiner states that claim 12 recites, inter alia, "wherein said store information storage means comprises: means for counting distances...." This is not accurate.

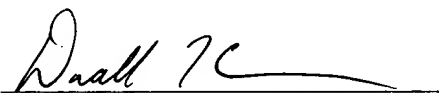
Applicants submit that the present case is allowable because the applied art does not disclose or suggest the specific features set forth in each of the claims.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in

the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated September 20, 2006.

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